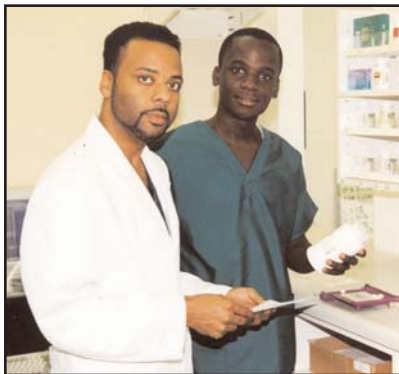




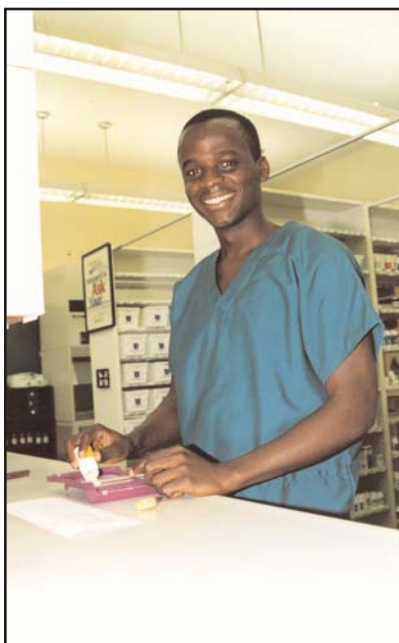
# *The Facts About HOPE VI:* EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere



Residents of Scott Homes and Carver Homes are learning free valuable vocational skills thanks to the Pharmacy Technician Program at D.A. Dorsey Educational Center and HOPE VI program support services. Walgreen's, another partner, provided the retail and customer service training center located at Dorsey. Over 30 students have graduated to date.

George Solomon, an eight-year resident of Scott Homes is one of many students currently enrolled in the program. Solomon will be graduating this month, but is already getting hands-on training as an intern at the Walgreen's at Northside Shopping Center. His future plans include taking the state exam in July, attending Miami-Dade Community College to continue his pharmacy training and eventually work in a hospital.



Eric Harris, the Dorsey instructor, is enthusiastic about the program: "It's gratifying to see students making such an effort to improve themselves through programs like this."

Dorsey, located in the Liberty City community, serves everyone's educational needs. "We also have career programs for the HOPE VI residents in nursing assistant, construction, business, medical coder, landscape operations, automotive, and dry cleaning," said Rose Martin, Dorsey principal.

In his own words:

"It's great. My mother sees me as a role model for my younger brothers. I'm showing them that education is important in improving yourself and getting out of public housing. Thanks to the program I'm helping to pay for classes and some bills." "You have to take the best of the opportunities that's available for you. If you're not able to pay for school or books and someone offers you the money, take it and make a start from there."

- George Solomon



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For more information on vocational opportunities at D.A. Dorsey Educational Center, call **305-693-2490**.